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re Application of:

Applicant : Kathleen Tyson Quah
Serial No. : 09/513,440
Filing Date : February 25, 2000
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EXCHANGE AND OTHER PAYMENTS-BASED
TRANSACTIONS
Examiner : not yet assigned
Group Art Unit : 2756
Attorney Docket : 126-001USA000

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to examination of the present application, please amend the same as follows:

AMENDMENT OF THE CLAIMS TO INVENTION:

Please cancel claims 25-56, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 57-160 as follows:

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57. A computer-implemented method of reducing risk in a payment-based transaction wherein payment is made from an account holder to a Counterparty using a payment bank system operated by a payment bank, the method comprising the steps of:
- receiving at least one user-supplied risk parameter associated with the Counterparty;
 - receiving a first instruction authorizing payment from the account holder to the Counterparty;
 - storing the first instruction in a payment queue;
 - during processing of the payment transaction, performing a risk filter routine that determines whether to selectively reject payment authorized by the first instruction based upon the at least one user-supplied risk parameter associated with the Counterparty.
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58. The computer-implemented method of claim 57, further comprising the step of: generating the at least one user-supplied risk parameter on a user system and communicating the at least one user-supplied risk parameter to the risk filter routine.
59. The computer-implemented method of claim 57, wherein the risk filter routine includes the steps of:

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FEE DETERMINATION RECORD ACCOMPANYING
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the indicated fees and to credit any overpayments to Thomas J. Perkowski, Esq., P.C. Deposit Account 16-1340. Applicant, Kathleen Tyson Quah, continues to qualify for Small Entity Status in the USPTO. A copy of the document is enclosed herewith.

The fee of \$648.00 is presently due in the Application as determined by the following:


CLAIMS AS AMENDED

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the additional filing fee of \$648.00, as well as any other fee deficiencies, to USPTO Deposit Account No. 16-1340. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 15, 2001

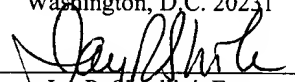

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